

The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Statehood bill again occupied the attention of the Senate yesterday; in the House the private pension bill was passed. — The U. S. government is to pay Colombia \$10,000,000 in gold on the Panama canal and after the expiration of nine years pay a rental of \$350,000 per year. — The Venezuela situation was discussed at the meeting of the Cabinet yesterday. — One man was killed and two men severely injured in a railroad collision near New Orleans. — Two earthquakes shook were felt in Savannah, Ga., at 8:15 last night; a shock was felt in Columbia, S. C., at 8:16 o'clock. — The commander of the German fleet in Venezuelan waters says in his official report that the cruiser Panther was first attacked by Fort San Carlos. — The president of the State of Maranhao has called out the militia to resist the possible landing of German forces. — Three women were killed and five women and one man severely injured in a panic at a cigar factory in New York city. — Col. Arthur Lyne, member of Parliament for Galway, was convicted on the charge of high treason and sentenced to be hanged. — The bombardment of Fort San Carlos by German warships was continued yesterday. — An earthquake shock was felt at Charleston last night and throughout lower South Carolina. — It is reported that a great body colony is to be established in Louisiana or Texas. — N. Y. markets: Money on call steady at 1/4 per cent; cotton — quiet at 8.95; flour firm but less active; wheat—spot, No. 3 red 8 1/2; corn—spot steady No. 3 nominal 6 1/2; spot firm, No. 2 4 1/2; rosin—firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 23.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:
Temperatures: 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 40 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since last of month to date, 3.18 inches.
Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Thursday, 10 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—For North Carolina: Rain Saturday; warmer on the coast. Sunday fair, fresh south to southeast, winds increasing.

PORT ALMANAC—JANUARY 24.
Sun Rises..... 7:06 A. M.
Sun Sets..... 5:19 P. M.
Day's Length..... 10 H. 13 M.
High Water at Southport..... 5:26 P. M.
High Water Wilmington..... 7:58 P. M.

It cost \$260,000,000 to maintain the churches in this country last year. The cigars consumed cost \$346,000,000. It doesn't necessarily follow from this that American manufacturers enjoy smoke more than religion, but it might look that way.

Miss Field, a grand daughter of Cyrus, who laid the first Atlantic cable, will soon be married to a physician who cured her of nervous disorder. She thinks it a good idea to have a nerve soother of that kind in the house.

A Boston paper thinks the proposition to limit individual wealth to \$10,000,000 is all right, but asks "how could it be enforced?" Easy enough. When a fellow got more than that take it away from him and divide it among his neighbors.

That big gun to be planted at Sandy Hook will not be exercised any more than necessary. A full charge with 2,400-pound projectile and 640 pounds of powder means a charge of \$1,080 against the Government.

After Dr. Lorenz, got back to Vienna, he spoke in high terms of this country and pronounced its hospitals, physicians and nurses the best in the world. He wasn't much impressed with England, where the doctors are inclined to travel in the rut.

Having laid all his competitors out in the Senatorial race in Utah Apostle Smoot, Rep. will take the seat of Senator Rawlins, Dem. With a chaplain to pray for them and an apostle to mix up with them the Senators ought to be reasonably good.

Madden, whose first name is Euclid, the motorman on the car which ran into the President's carriage at Pittsfield, Mass., last September, was tried a few days ago, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction and a fine of \$500.

A few nights ago a banquet, a horse banquet, was served to six hundred people in Berlin. It was a horse bill of fare, horse roast, horse fry, horse tongue, horse stew, horse tail soup. They enjoyed it, said it was good and not one kicked or snarled neigh.

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE LAWS.

Conference of the Chamber of Commerce Committee With Commissioners Next Tuesday—Two Meetings To-Day.

Mr. R. A. Parsley, chairman of the committee recently appointed by President Chadbourne, of the Chamber of Commerce, by authority of a general meeting of the body last week, has called a meeting of his committee at the office of Mr. Geo. Harris, on Water street, to be held at 3:30 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of considering the compulsory pilotage law, in which the committee has been directed to endeavor to secure certain changes after a conference with the Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage.

The committee of which Mr. Parsley is chairman is composed of Messrs. M. S. Willard, Hugh MacBee, R. G. Worth, H. W. Mallory, J. W. Craig, J. J. Adams and Mr. Parsley. The Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage are Col. Theo. Evans, Messrs. James Sprunt, Samuel Northrop, U. W. Worth, Geo. Harris, J. W. Craig and S. F. Craig, and they are asked to meet with the Chamber of Commerce committee at the same hour.

After the conference of the two bodies it is expected that the fight will be transferred to the Legislature which will be asked to reduce the rates now in effect at this port. It is hardly thought that any agreement as to changes in the law will be reached at the meeting.

The Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet at 11:15 o'clock this afternoon and the Legislative Committee of the Chamber will meet half an hour later. Members of the Legislative Committee are Mr. J. A. Arringdale, chairman; Messrs. D. McEachern, W. H. Chadbourne and G. Herbert Smith. It is expected that at both of the committee meetings to-day the pilotage matter will receive more or less consideration.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Possibly, Jim Tillman may be convicted of carrying concealed weapons.

—Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will meet Monday, Judge Peebles presiding.

—"Home" will be Dr. Blackwell's theme Sunday night at the First Baptist church.

—A thoroughly competent compositor accustomed to newspaper work may secure employment by applying at the Star office.

—The city clock in the First Presbyterian church tower has ceased operation. Since the resignation of Mr. George Honnet, it is feared that his successor has not yet qualified. Let's have the clock.

—Rev. J. L. Vipperman will speak at the Men's Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon; subject, "The Promised Savior."

—British schooner James W. Capt. Murchison, arrived yesterday from Barbados for cargo of lumber from B. & W. H. Northrop.

—Florence Times: "The Coast Line is now moving out of Charleston solid fertilizer trains and they are dashing by in every direction daily."

—A crokinole tournament to decide the Association championship will be played at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday night. There are about 15 entries.

—The Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. will give a dinner in honor of the Ladies' Auxiliary in the Association building Friday night, January 30.

—Yesterday's Fayetteville Observer: "Dr. D. C. McIver, of Maxton, and Dr. J. N. Johnson, of Goldsboro, have decided to locate in Fayetteville for the practice of dentistry."

—A boy who wishes to learn the printing trade may secure employment by applying at the Star Job Office. One who has had some experience feeling pressed preferred. Must be a resident of the city.

—The stewards of the Second Advent church, assisted by the ladies of the congregation will hold a bazaar at the ball on Sixth and Queen streets next Wednesday night, the proceeds to go towards a fund for liquidating a small debt on the church.

—The Star is under obligations to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telephone Co., for complete and accurate bulletins from the Senatorial caucus at Raleigh last night. They were appreciated alike by this paper and the public which was in waiting for them.

—Yesterday's Fayetteville Observer: "The City of Fayetteville arrived from Wilmington about 10 o'clock this morning, after a successful initial trip. She leaves on her second trip down late this afternoon. The new boat is said to have behaved splendidly and Capt. Worth is much pleased with her."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bids—Wanted.
Street Railway—Notice.
People's Savings Bank—"Rainy day."
Cape Fear Lumber Co.—Warning.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Country Girl.
Academy of Music—"Country Girl."

WILMINGTON LOCALS.

Wanted—Salesman.
Found—Rambler bicycle.
Wanted—Furnished house or room.

SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

Deadlock Among Democrats of General Assembly Almost as Firm as Ever.

NO CHOICE LAST NIGHT.

Seven Ballots With Watson Leading—Carr Agled in the Race, But Not With His Former Strength—Candidates' View of the Situation.

(Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23.—Every body was disappointed that no nomination was reached in the Democratic Senatorial caucus to-night. With seven more ballots cast, the situation has really drifted back to the deadlock conditions which prevailed before the little flurry last night, caused by the by-plays of Craig men. The general break from Craig by those who stuck to him last night, that was expected, did not develop, he really having climbed from 17 votes back to 21 during the balloting.

For the first three ballots to-night there was nothing to cause a demonstration. When the result of the fifth-second ballot was announced, showing a gain from 61 to 63, Watson's friends raised a great yell.

There was also cheering from the galleries for Overman, when after the fifth ballot, a slight gain for Overman was announced. The galleries and lobbies were crowded and the most intense interest was manifested in the balloting.

The candidates were asked to-night for an expression of their views as to the situation. Overman said: "I regard the situation as decidedly more favorable for me to-night than last night. The band wagon idea did not materialize. I believe the masses of the people are with me in this fight. I believe I will win in the contest."

Watson said: "All the conditions are favorable and satisfactory." Craig said: "I say only as I did last night to my friends. We still have control of the situation."

The ballots resulted as follows:
Watson..... 60 61 60 61 63 64
Overman..... 55 55 57 56 56 54
Craig..... 22 21 18 17 14 17
Carr..... — — 3 2 4 3
Glenn..... — — — — — —
Total..... 138 137 137 138 137 137

BISHOP STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

St. Rev. A. A. Watson Suffered Slight Stroke Late Yesterday Afternoon.

The numerous friends in this city and elsewhere of St. Rev. Bishop A. A. Watson, of the East Carolina Diocese, will hear with regret that he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis at his home in this city, 510 Orange street, between 5 and 6 o'clock. Physicians were quickly summoned and gave the Bishop all the attention possible and last night he was reported as resting very comfortably.

The stroke visibly affected only Bishop Watson's right hand and while his condition may be regarded in a measure as very serious, it is nevertheless not alarming. He has remained perfectly conscious and talks with his friends with frankness regarding his condition.

There were many callers at the residence of the Bishop last evening to inquire as to his condition.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

No Change in Quotations—Weekly Statement of Receipts at Wilmington.

There were no advances on the local cotton and naval stores/markets yesterday. Spirits remained firm at 59 cents, with receipts of 18 casks. The New York market showed a slight advance over previous day's quotations.

The weekly statement of the receipts of cotton and naval stores on the Wilmington market was posted yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce as follows: Cotton, 4,647 bales, 129 casks; rosin, 5,594 barrels; turpentine, 4,019 barrels; crude, 810 barrels. Same week last year: Cotton, 6,672; turpentine, 5,71; rosin, 1,574; tar, 3,313; crude, 885.

Timely Warning to Timbermen.

In another column of to-day's STAR will be found a timely warning to timbermen, which will be seconded by every saw mill man in the State. The notice is from the Cape Fear Lumber Co., and is in regard to the carelessness of many persons who frequently send logs to the mills full of nails, spikes, etc., that not only ruin the machinery with which they come in contact but often cause much delay and confusion over the entire plant.

There is a law on the statute books of the State against such a practice and the Cape Fear people have been annoyed so much recently that they propose to put a stop to it.

Discharging Her Cargo.

The British steamer Dorchester, Capt. Wilson, which is in at Southport in distress as the result of having gone ashore on Friday last, should this week, will discharge her cargo of cotton, naval stores and lumber and will probably repair here. The tug Marion yesterday took the barge Louis H. to Southport and will lighten a part of the cargo. The vessel will then be pumped out by a steam pump of the Diamond Steamboat & Wrecking Co., and will be brought up the river to complete discharging. After her cargo is taken out the exact damage can be ascertained and it is probable that repairs will be made here so the steamer can sail direct for her destination.

Small Fire Yesterday.

At 10:15 o'clock yesterday morning the department was called to a small fire in the dye house of the American Textile Coloring Company's works at Queen and Barry streets. The flames were extinguished by the chemical engine with slight damage.

SEVERAL PETTY BURGLARIES.

Anonymous Letter Leads to Arrest of Negroes Who Are Believed Responsible for Much Theft.

Through the medium of an anonymous letter to Justice Fowler from an unknown person, who had read an account of the robbery in the STAR, evidence was secured which led to the arrest of one or more of three young negroes placed in jail by Constable Savage yesterday to answer the charge of being implicated in the robbery of several residences in the city within the past few days.

The letter to Justice Fowler was rather crude in its composition and orthography, but it briefly related that the writer had read an account of the robbery of the residence of Mrs. Adolf Nelson and Justice Fowler, on Front street, and that Wash McNeill was responsible therefor.

That information gave Constable Savage and Justice Fowler, a clue upon which they immediately set to work. McNeill was found, on Walnut, between Second and Third streets, and was landed in jail. The description of a yellow negro boy, who entered the residence of Mr. A. M. Hall, also this week, was secured and enough was learned from McNeill's father to identify and cause the arrest of "Hunch" Hullen, colored. The residence of Mr. Geo. S. Legrand had also been entered lately and pursuing the clue still further, Thos. Lane, colored, was arrested.

When the three had been placed in jail, according to the ancient aphorism, the "thieves fell out" and the officers began to get their dues. The dispute among the boys, who are between 16 and 18 years of age, was precipitated over who took four razors and the pocket-book from Mrs. Nelson's residence.

Constable Savage and Justice Fowler expect to sift matters sufficiently to give the prisoners an intelligible preliminary hearing on Monday. Jas. Freeman, colored, who was arrested Monday on suspicion, has been released.

Last night Constable Savage, who has displayed remarkable detective ability throughout the case, gathered further information that led to the arrest of Tom Hawkins, a pickpocket who some time ago, gained a great reputation as a petty thief. He was arrested in a negro candy store on Seventh, between Walnut and Red Cross streets, and from him Constable Savage received a complete history of the several petty robberies that have occurred during the past several days. Constable Savage also gathered information which led to the recovery of the handsome gold watch stolen from Mrs. Nelson's residence. It was found beneath some rubbish in the cattle yard of the A. O. L. at Front and Red Cross streets, battered all to pieces. The lid found on the streets in the same locality a few days ago, was not with the remaining pieces of the watch. Hawkins gave Mr. Savage directions as to where the watch was concealed. The silver watch stolen from the residence of Mrs. Fowler was sold for 90 cents to the driver of a delivery wagon in the city and it will be recovered this morning.

Constable Savage has done a remarkably clever bit of work in ferreting out the case and is deserving of great praise for it.

COMPLAINT IN BIG LAND SUIT.

Legal Controversy That Will Involve Title to Nearly All of "Summer Rest."

Sometime ago reference was made in these columns to a suit which had been brought in the New Hanover Superior Court by Mrs. Mary Irving, wife of Mr. George Irving, of this city, for the recovery, by virtue of an old grant, of a large tract of land on Waterville Sound. The suit is against Messrs. William Blanks, Pembroke Jones and about twenty-five other property owners who are in possession of practically the whole of "Summer Rest," the delightful ocean resort which adjoins Wrightsville beach and sound.

The attorneys for Mrs. Irving are W. D. McIver, of Newberry; J. B. Schulken, of the firm of Schulken & Lewis, of Whiteville; E. M. Knoox, of the firm of Duffy & Knoox, Jacksonville; Jackson Greer, of Cronly, and L. V. Grady, of this city. The two attorneys named have spent the past two days in the city conferring with Mr. Grady and investigating titles, etc., with a view of filing the complaint in the case which will be forthcoming in a few days. It is understood that the defendants will be represented in the cause by Rountree & Carr, Davis & Davis, Bellamy & Peechan, and E. K. Bryan, all of this city. The suit will likely be the largest ever tried in the county.

At the Cavalry Army Post.

It is announced that on Feb. 1st, Major General Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., commanding the Department of the East, will arrive in Wilmington and go down to Fort Caswell to make an official inspection of the army post there. It is also announced that two additional companies of coast artillery will be sent to Caswell, making the strength of the garrison there about 400 men. The companies will come from the Philippines.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

British-American Tobacco Company, Limited, Has Domesticated in the State.

A RAILROAD BILL PASSED.

Commission May Order Union Depots Senator Bellamy Introduced School Bill—Violations of the Sunday Laws—Other Matters.

(Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23.—The British-American Tobacco Company, Ltd., was domesticated in North Carolina to-day. State headquarters to be at Durham. W. Q. Toms is North Carolina agent. The registering office of the Company is England. There are seven parties to the merger, Imperial Tobacco Co., American Tobacco Co., Continental Tobacco Co., American Cigar Co., Consolidated Tobacco Co., Williamson Whitehead Fuller and Jas. Insip, on behalf of the Company to be formed. The company has power to grow, manufacture, deal in tobacco, cigars, cigarettes. The capital is 6,000,000 pounds of English money.

The House to-day passed on second reading the bill prohibiting the sale of fireworks over three inches, and toy pistols. Pending the third reading, an amendment was offered, in which the bill was amended to read: "The sale of fireworks, toy pistols, etc., while many more were seriously injured."

An hour was devoted to the bill awarding Supreme Court reports to Dore and Davis counties. A flood of amendments to include other counties caused it to be tabled.

The bill to empower the Corporation Commission to compel the railroads entering a town to join in a union depot, passed final reading. The vote was 73 for and 81 against.

Robeson, to incorporate North Carolina Audubon Society, to protect song, game and sea birds.

Dockery, to incorporate the Bank of Hamlet.

Hamilton, to abolish the practice of killing the Bible in taking oaths.

Among the bills introduced were as follows: To allow Asheville to issue bonds. To incorporate Merchants and Farmers Bank of Asheville.

A bill fixing the penalty for carrying concealed weapons was tabled.

There were no developments at the general session at noon on the ballot for United States Senator. The formal impression prevailed that tomorrow's ballot will elect. That is all that is expected. There was the usual decided vote by the Democratic legislature.

AN INTERESTING PUBLIC DEBATE.

Enjoyable Affair in East Wilmington Yesterday Afternoon—The Question

The first of a series of very interesting and profitable Friday afternoon entertainments recently inaugurated by Mr. S. V. Bowen, principal of the East Wilmington school, was given yesterday afternoon. It partook of the nature of a public debate upon the question:

"Resolved: That the steam engine is a greater invention than the printing press."

The question was argued on the affirmative by Mary Riger, Della Edens, Jerry Blake, John Riger and Willie Webb; on the negative by Annie Webb, Beale Mills, Victor Pearsall, Melzer Pearsall and Loris Mills.

The judges were Capt. T. A. Watson, Prof. Washington Callett and Miss Bettie Pearsall. The question was decided in favor of the negative after a spirited contest. The debate was remarkably fine and a number of parents and other people attended.

During the exercises Prof. Callett gave those present an interesting talk upon educational subjects, complimenting the teacher and patrons upon the successful conduct of the school. The buildings and grounds have been improved wonderfully in recent months and Prof. Bowen is deservedly popular for the great satisfaction which he is giving.

Goal Tosses This Afternoon.

The second of a series of handicap tournaments for the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club will be played this afternoon beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The weather promises to be ideal for the sport and a large attendance is expected. Tea will be served by the ladies after the match. For the accommodation of all who desire to attend, special cars will leave Front and Princess streets at 2, 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon. The first match of the series was won by Mr. S. V. Merrell. The winner of three consecutive silver cup, offered by the club.

The Baptist Churches Sunday.

Rev. E. R. Bomar, D. D., assistant secretary of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Board, will arrive from Richmond this evening, and will speak at the Baptist churches on Sunday as follows: First Baptist church, 11 A. M.; Southside, 7:30 P. M.; Brooklyn, 4 P. M.

UTLEY GIVEN TWENTY YEARS.

Guilty of Murder in Second Degree, Says the Jury at Fayetteville—Appeal Taken to Supreme Court.

(Special Star Telegram.)

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 23.—At 10:30 o'clock this morning the jury rendered a verdict of murder in the second degree in the Utley case. A motion for a new trial was over-ruled. After a moving plea for leniency by Col. Broadfoot, Judge Cooke sentenced Utley to twenty years at hard labor in the penitentiary. The defendant appealed to the Supreme Court.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer, in its very complete report of the closing scenes of the trial, says: It was 10:40 o'clock Thursday night when the case was given to the jury and the judge instructed the sheriff that if a verdict was not reached by 1 o'clock A. M. to let them retire to the hotel and rest for the night. At that hour, no decision having been reached, this was done. At 10:30 o'clock this morning the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree and the judge sentenced him to twenty years in the State penitentiary.

The defendant moves for a new trial for all errors appearing in the progress of the case and to which his counsel made exception.

Defendant excepts to the charge as given by the court, and in the refusal of the court to give all the instructions asked for by the defendant, and on this ground moves for a new trial. The motion was over-ruled. Defendant excepts.

The Solicitor prayed for the judgment of the court. The judge told the prisoner to stand up, and asked him if he had anything to say why judgment should not be passed upon him. Col. Broadfoot then arose, and made an eloquent appeal for mercy, reviewing the case and the charge to which he was shown during the trial.

The judge then passed sentence as follows: "That E. L. Utley be confined to the State prison at hard labor for 20 years, and pay the costs of this case." From which judgment the defendant appealed to the Supreme Court.

A motion for bail was made. The motion was continued, to be heard by the judge at some time when in this circuit, upon notice to defendant and counsel.

Just before returning their verdict, the following note was received by the court from the jury: "Did you give us in your charge that Mr. Hollingsworth had a right to obtain and use his pistol?" In consequence of this, the judge had the jury brought in and read that part of his charge to which this point. [To this action the defendant excepted.]

We learn from members of the jury that they considered the charge of murder in the first degree. The first ballot they took was six for murder in the second degree and six for murder in the first degree. It was also for the second degree and three for manslaughter. After they went before the court for instructions on the matter of the Hollingsworth's right to have a pistol, they all agreed to the verdict as afterwards rendered.

PRETTY "ADVERTISEMENT CONTEST."

Novel Entertainment by Church Circle at Residence of Mrs. C. C. Covington.

At the hospitable home of Mr. C. C. Covington, No. 519 Grace street, last evening, Circle No. 3, of Grace M. E. Sunday school, of which Mrs. Covington is president, gave a delightful entertainment which was in the nature of an "Advertisement Contest."

The entertainment was novel and very interesting. Sixteen advertisements, taken from the popular periodicals of the day, were represented by ladies, gentlemen and children, in living pictures. Numbered sheets of paper and pencils were furnished, and all who desired made a guess, and wrote on the paper the different articles and firms advertised, as represented by the beautiful and artistic living pictures.

The contest was won by Miss Meriel Craft. Among those who took part in the contest were Messrs. James Craft, E. P. Covington, Willie Williams, Wm. Merrill, Charlie Craft, G. J. Boney, Charles Munster, Paul Murphy, Misses Florence Pearsall, Mary Lewis, Emily Tom, Dixie Bowler, Lela May Melrod, Mamie McGill, May Shepard, Louise Corbett, Athalia Love, Frankie Beery, Lizzie Robinson and Mrs. R. B. John.

Refreshments were served and Mrs. James Sinclair added much to the enjoyment of the evening by presiding at the piano.

Mabel Paige Company.

The record of attendance for a repertoire company at the Academy of Music was broken last night by the Mabel Paige Company in its excellent production of "Carmen." Not only was every seat in the theatre taken, but all the available standing room was occupied and persons had to go away. The bill was not a new one, but as presented by Miss Paige and her clever supporting company it was a capital production.

The Power of the Press.

"The pen is mightier than the sword, or words to that effect," quoth Mr. Preson Cumming in a communication to the STAR yesterday morning.

"The superintendent of streets, this morning, called here and said as soon as the 'blush' on this street and hill in with 'blinders' from the gas house. Belah! One word from the STAR has done more than tax-paying for 30 years could do. Here's my heart and here's my hand."

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16 Princess Street, Wilmington, N. C.

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MATT J. MEYER, President. H. H. J. AMHERNS, Vice President. MITCHELL F. ALBERT, Cashier.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mrs. J. D. Edwards left yesterday for Goldsboro to visit relatives.

—Messrs. Geo. Rountree and Julius Davis went up the W. & W. railroad yesterday on a professional trip.

—Mr. G. F. Jordan, of Burgaw, N. C., was a welcome visitor to the city yesterday.

—Miss Margarette Bridges, of Petersburg, Va., is visiting the Misses Armstrong on Fourth street.

—Mrs. F. D. Alexander and children, of Charlotte, are guests of Mrs. Alexander's parents, Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Brown.

—Mrs. J. C. Higgins has returned from Baltimore, where she was called on account of the illness and death of her mother.

—Miss Nellie Norment, of Lumberton, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. H. Howell, returned home yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. J. Atlas Harmon, postmaster at Currie, was a STAR visitor yesterday. Although within a few weeks of the allotted three-score and ten, he appears twenty years younger.

HOTEL MEN'S ORGANIZATION.

Association for Mutual Benefit and Protection Formed at Pinehurst, N. C.

Mr. R. W. Wallace, proprietor of The Orion, returned yesterday from Pinehurst, N. C. where he attended the organization meeting of the North Carolina Hotel Men's Association. The organization starts off with 90 charter members, who are banded together for mutual protection. One of the immediate purposes in view is to secure the enactment of a law, defining the liability of hotel keepers to their guests.

Officers were elected at the Pinehurst meeting as follows: President, H. W. Priest, of the Pinehurst Hotel system; Vice President, H. Cobb, proprietor of the Mountain Park, Hot Springs, N. C.; R

TWO KINDS OF LEADERS

The negroes of this country, North and South, have two kinds of leaders,—of both colors,—white and black,—one of whom, pretending to be a friend of the negro, is constantly keeping politics before him, making him believe that he is unfairly dealt with and deprived of the rights which are his and to which he is as much entitled as the white man. These leaders are not doing the negro any good, they are, on the contrary doing him harm by encouraging false hopes that never will and never can be realized. They are not only doing the negro harm but are doing the white man harm, and doing the South harm by harming the negro.

There are others, negroes, too, who are trying to turn the thoughts of their race from politics to something more promising, to laboring for the betterment of their condition, and realizing the fact that they must look to themselves and not to others for this betterment, which can be achieved only by patient endeavor, application, industry, good habits and an earnest desire to lift themselves from the bottom upward. That's the kind of advice they get from their negro friends, while their pretended friends are humbugging them with rot about suffrage denied, rights withheld, &c.

There is a professor in a colored theological seminary in Atlanta, W. W. Lucas, who has a terse, striking and blunt way of talking to his people. He tells the negro that he is his own best friend, that he must depend upon himself, and tells it in such a way that they can all understand him and remember the points he makes in the lessons he teaches. A year or so ago he delivered an address in one of the colored churches in Mobile which was so original in expression and so unique that it gave him reputation at once as a speaker. A short while ago he delivered another address to negroes in the same city, an address marked by plain speaking, forcible expression and sound sense, from which the Register of that city makes the following pointed extracts:

I want to see the negro educated, advanced and refined, but I want to see him an educated, advanced and refined negro.

If the negro ever amounts to anything in the march of civilization he must amount to that something as a negro—separate, distinct, pure and simple.

Take the negro who owns nothing, and is nothing, and does nothing. He stands on the corner and prates about his rights. What are his rights? America is composed of land and water, and here is a dark who does not own an inch of ground nor a drop of water, prating about his rights! What rights has he? (School boys in the arena corner: "He has no rights.") That's right, boys; he has no rights because he has nothing to represent right.

When a fellow wears seven-dollar shoes and his wages are four dollars a week he wears a lie on his feet. When fellow wears finer clothes than the man who employs him he wears a lie on his back.

The negro must quit shirking responsibility. He will send his mother to the poor house, go off and drink, and when she is dead, he will claim the estate she is dead. He will disown his sister to live easy. I once heard a dark say: "I don't need to work, because I got a wife and two children to feed on."

Negro preachers should preach less about Jonah in the belly of the whale and a little more about the necessity of Johnny in the cornfield.

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December 31st, 1899.....	384,000
December 31st, 1900.....	439,000
December 31st, 1901.....	684,000
December 31st, 1902.....	1,300,000

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2	8:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.
3	10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.
4	12:30 P. M.	1:30 P. M.
5	2:30 P. M.	3:30 P. M.
6	4:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.
7	6:30 P. M.	7:30 P. M.
8	8:30 P. M.	9:30 P. M.

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2	9:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.
3	11:30 A. M.	10:30 A. M.
4	1:30 P. M.	12:30 P. M.
5	3:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.
6	5:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
7	7:30 P. M.	6:30 P. M.
8	9:30 P. M.	8:30 P. M.

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SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 24.

PANIC IN A NEW YORK CIGAR FACTORY.

Result of Fire in Adjoining Building—Three Women Killed and Five Wounded and One Man Seriously Injured.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.
NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Three women were killed and five women and one man severely injured, in a panic in a cigar factory on Crosby street to-day, as a result of a fire in an adjoining building. The dead are: Jennie Marino, 35 years; Annie Kernberg, 25 years; Mrs. Mary Sporn, 25 years.
The cause of the burning building being against the walls of the cigar factory caused a panic among the five hundred men, women and boys at work. There was a wild rush for the fire-exits at the front and rear ends of the building in which the weaker were crushed and trampled by the stronger. The men did not hesitate to push the women aside and when they reached the second story, instead of waiting for the ladders to be raised, pushed the women off to the ground about fifteen feet, and leaped to save themselves. In this way many women were more or less injured. The worst scenes, however, were on the stairs, by which crowds of the panic-stricken employees tried to escape from the building. The men shrieked as if and knocking the women off the stairs, trampled them under foot. At the third story there was a blockade, and had it not been for the timely arrival of the police the death toll would have been much longer. The officers, climbing over the heads of the crowd, reached the third story and succeeded by pushing the men aside in making a passage-way for the women. Other policemen and the fire department soon arrived and when the building had been cleared the bodies of the three dead were found.

THE WORLD'S COTTON

Total Visible Supply as Shown by Secretary Hester's Statement.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 23.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's supply of cotton, issued to-day, shows the total visible to be 4,054,212 bales, against 3,990,350 last week and 4,479,083 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,305,212 bales, against 3,251,350 last week and 3,657,083 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 849,000 bales, against 799,000 last week and 823,000 last year.
Of the world's total supply of cotton there is now about and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 1,890,000 bales, against 2,348,000 last year; in Egypt, 187,000 bales, against 238,000 last year; in India, 382,000 bales, against 349,000 last year, and in the United States, 1,857,000 bales, against 1,659,000 last year.
Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement, issued to-day, shows for the twenty-three days of January a decrease of 87,000 bales under last year and an increase over the same period year before last of 254,000.
For the 145 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the same days last year 37,000 bales and ahead of the same time year before last 453,000.

MASSACHUSETTS' EXPLOSION.

Last Two of the Injured Died in the Hospital at San Juan.

By Cable to the Morning Star.
SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 23.—Alexander Newton Damsell, of Durham, N. C., and James Guilford Patterson, of Pittsburg, Pa., landmen, of the battleship Massachusetts, who were injured in the explosion January 16th of the powder charge of an 8-inch gun, died in the military hospital here to-day. The remains of Damsell will be embalmed and shipped to the United States. Patterson's body probably will be buried here. The bodies of the two survivors of the gun's crew, numbering nine men.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

For the Week Ending Friday, January 23rd, 1903.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.
NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending January 23rd, 1903:

	1902.	1901.
Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week	222,384	203,904
Total receipts to date	5,664,971	5,665,804
Exports for week ending Jan. 23	176,544	185,151
Total exports to date	4,053,464	4,294,083
Stock in all U. S. ports	1,089,537	974,637
Stock in Liverpool	471,708	535,625
Stock in London	636,000	997,000
American cotton for Great Britain	291,000	

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1902:

	1902.	1901.
Gulfs and Mexico	1,590,607	1,590,607
India	1,608,700	1,608,700
Batavia	1,015,380	1,015,380
Wilmington	290,434	290,434
Baltimore	30,606	30,606
Boston	38,541	38,541
Newport News	13,094	13,094
Philadelphia	16,083	16,083
Brunswick	78,189	78,189
Fernandina	450	450
Panama	96,080	96,080
Port Arthur	51,661	51,661
Townsend	87,692	87,692
San Francisco	7,441	7,441
Portland, Ore.	1,541	1,541
Total	5,664,971	5,664,971

Engineer Fisher who was injured Thursday in a collision between two Southern freight trains at Connelly Springs, N. C., died yesterday.

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BOMBARDMENT OF

FORT SAN CARLOS.

Official Report of the Commander of German Fleet in Venezuelan Waters.

SAYS VESSEL WAS ATTACKED.

The President of the State of Maracaibo Has Called Out the Militia to Resist the Possible Landing of German Forces.

By Cable to the Morning Star.
MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA, Jan. 23.—President Arango, of the State of Maracaibo, has, by decree published last night, called to arms all citizens from sixteen to sixty years of age, belonging to the militia, in order to resist the possible landing of German forces at Lake Maracaibo. About five hundred men immediately answered the call.

Bombardment Continues.

MARACAIBO, January 23.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon Fort San Carlos was in the possession of the German forces and the bombardment of the German warships was still going on. There has been no material change in the situation. The gunboat Panther was the only vessel to come inside the fort. Communication with the fort is very difficult. Great excitement prevails at Maracaibo.

German Commander's Report.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—Commander Behder, commander of the German fleet in Venezuelan waters, officially reports the bombardment of Fort San Carlos from Maracaibo, under date of January 21st, as follows:

"On the 17th instant, while the Panther was passing the Maracaibo bar she was unexpectedly attacked by Fort San Carlos which opened a heavy fire on her. To this the Panther replied, and a cannonade was exchanged for an hour. Owing to the difficulties of navigation the Panther then desisted.

"In order to exact an immediate punishment for this attack the more so as the Venezuelan government had proclaimed it a victory, I bombarded the fort, with the Vesta, on the 21st instant and destroyed it."

Irritation in Washington.

WASHINGTON, January 23.—Notwithstanding the irritation felt here in government circles at what is regarded as the purely needless and unprovoked bombardment of the Venezuelan fort by the German warships, the conclusion at the present time is that this incident will not prevent Mr. Bowen from successfully carrying out his mission as ambassador to the Count von Bismarck, in the German Reichstag yesterday are regarded here as conveying the intimation that the German warships are acting under orders from their home government, with the purpose of avenging themselves for the repulse of the Panther in the attack upon the Vesta.

Explosion from Berlin.

BERLIN, January 23.—In the Reichstag today Foreign Secretary von Bismarck declared the hope that the Venezuelan difficulties would soon be settled. He said:

"The negotiations at Washington, it is hoped, will show an early result, rendering it possible to raise the blockade. So long as the blockade exists, however, respect for it must be observed. The situation is not one of peace. It has been said, 'I admit, from the moment when we appealed to arms, but with 'drums and trumpets' it was not under the last of the month, we went to the extreme limit of patience and long suffering. The Venezuelan government not only refused to settle the dispute with Germany, but it also refused to accept the terms of the armistice, as is generally admitted, but at the same time committed brutal acts of violence against German and German property."

"We have a complaint of these matters through diplomatic channels, but did not succeed in making progress upon this basis. The Venezuelan government declared that it must exclude all these cases from diplomatic treatment. In one memorandum, communicated to us through a note, it characterized our intended course in the affair as insulting, inadmissible, outrageous and preposterous. We made proposals to settle the controversy by arbitration as early as July, 1901, at a time when by way of exception, no civil war prevailed in Venezuela, and when the President was fully able to satisfy our claims. President Castro did not even deign to answer the proposal."

Negotiations.

"The foreign secretary, summing up the present diplomatic situation, said of the negotiations at Washington: 'We can only hope that these negotiations will soon reach a result, that we shall soon get satisfaction, and that we can raise the blockade. But, gentlemen, it must not be forgotten that the blockade, so long as the blockade lasts, absolutely must compel respect for the blockade in the territory assigned to them. This was the problem reason for the action of the German ships against Fort San Carlos during the past few days.'"

After referring to a dispatch from the commander of the Falks, the foreign secretary added:

"I believe I can unconditionally assume that you will all agree that our countrymen who were killed with a full and correct appreciation of the situation and that our blue jackets will maintain the honor of our flag."

Bred one shot as a warning. The Panther diverged. Another shot was fired from the Castillo battery; thereupon the Panther opened fire and continued the cannonade for half an hour, when she retired. The Vesta immediately began a heavy bombardment of Fort San Carlos, seriously damaging the fort and the houses in the vicinity.

Disturbance at LaGuaira.

LA GUAIRA, Jan. 23.—The former Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, now in the possession of the Germans, arrived here at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Puerto Cabello and anchored near the shore. Her presence caused great popular indignation. At 8 o'clock several rifle shots were heard in the distance. Shortly afterwards the Restaurador left her anchor and moved to a position outside the harbor and under the protection of the guns of the British cruiser Tribune.

Convicted and Sentenced.

Col. Arthur Lynch's Trial on the Charge of High Treason Against the British Government.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—When the trial of Colonel Arthur Lynch, member of Parliament for Galway, on the charge of high treason, was resumed to-day, counsel for the defense began summing up. There was no attempt to deny that Colonel Lynch supported the Boer cause from Maracaibo, and that his naturalization was in no way prompted by treasonable intent and was solely for the advantage he would thus derive for journalistic purposes. Subsequently the defendant supported the Boer cause in the belief that he was a legally naturalized Britisher.

Replying for the prosecution the solicitor general, Sir Edward Carson, said that Colonel Lynch joined the Boer cause as a contented Irishman, "thereby committing a most cowardly and most serious act of treason."

In the Senate and House.

The Statehood Bill Again Debated—Many Private Pension Bills Passed by the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Statehood bill again occupied the attention of the Senate to-day. In the course of the debate several spirited colloquies occurred, in which Senators on both sides of the question charged the other with obstructing important legislation. Mr. Burham continued his remarks in opposition to the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

During the morning hour Mr. Fairbanks made an ineffectual attempt to secure consideration of the immigration bill.

House of Representatives.

The House today passed 255 private pension bills. They included pensions to the widow of General Franz Siegel at \$100 a month, the widow of General Francis Regley at \$50 and the widow of Rear Admiral Henry F. Peixoto at \$40.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Felt East Evening at Savannah, Charleston and Columbia, S. C.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 23.—An earthquake shock was felt here at 8:11 o'clock to-night. There was no distinct shock, which was not sufficient to cause any damage to property nor even to occasion serious alarm.

SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 23.—Two distinct and almost immediately successive shocks of earthquake were felt here at 8:15 to-night. Reports from Tybee island are that houses were very perceptibly shaken.

EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE.

Three Men Killed and three Others Seriously Wounded at Pittsburg, Pa.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 23.—Three men were killed and three seriously injured today in the eastern end of the Wabash tunnel, Southside, by an explosion of dynamite, due to some one tampering with the electrical current without receiving the proper signal. The dead are: Frank Taylor, night foreman, crushed to death; Thomas Moore, day foreman, head blown off; Thomas Henry.

With the foreman were four workmen on the line, but only one going toward the charges of dynamite some person up at the top of the shaft turned on the electrical current without notification and when Taylor, who carried the wires, inserted them into the charge of dynamite the explosion followed.

James E. Dolan, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, will issue a circular letter to all the Hibernians of the United States and Canada, calling upon them to hold indignation meetings to protest against the condemnation of Colonel Arthur Lynch.

For Whooping Cough use ORENEY'S EX-PHOTOGRAPH.

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VERY IMPORTANT

CABINET MEETING.

At Which All the Members Were Present and Various Matters Considered.

THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

President and Cabinet Confident It Will Be Ratified—Venezuelan Situation Discussed—Anti-Trust Legislation—Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—To-day's meeting of the cabinet was one of the most important held in several weeks. All of the members of the cabinet were present, Secretary Hay leaving his home for the first time in several days to attend the meeting. He presented a draft of the Panama Canal treaty, signed last evening. The treaty is identical with that drawn by this government several months ago, and at the same time submitted to the Colombian government, with the single exception of the amount of annuity to be paid Colombia for the right of way to the canal. This government proposed an annuity of \$100,000, while Colombia demanded \$50,000. The Colombian government's demand was based, it is stated, upon the cost of the Panama Canal.

Replying for the prosecution the solicitor general, Sir Edward Carson, said that Colonel Lynch joined the Boer cause as a contented Irishman, "thereby committing a most cowardly and most serious act of treason."

During the morning hour Mr. Fairbanks made an ineffectual attempt to secure consideration of the immigration bill.

Anti-Trust Legislation.

Some consideration was given to the proposed anti-trust legislation now pending in Congress. Regret was expressed that the measure was not in some quarters that the bill reported to the House from the Judiciary Committee was an "administration measure."

Explosion of Dynamite.

Three Men Killed and three Others Seriously Wounded at Pittsburg, Pa.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 23.—Three men were killed and three seriously injured today in the eastern end of the Wabash tunnel, Southside, by an explosion of dynamite, due to some one tampering with the electrical current without receiving the proper signal.

The dead are: Frank Taylor, night foreman, crushed to death; Thomas Moore, day foreman, head blown off; Thomas Henry.

With the foreman were four workmen on the line, but only one going toward the charges of dynamite some person up at the top of the shaft turned on the electrical current without notification and when Taylor, who carried the wires, inserted them into the charge of dynamite the explosion followed.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The treaty between the United States and government of Colombia, which was signed yesterday by Secretary Hay and Dr. Herran as the representatives of the two countries, was transmitted to the Senate to-day, and by the Senate referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The treaty was read in executive session, but the injunction of secrecy was not removed. By the terms of the treaty the United States agrees to make a cash payment of \$10,000,000 in gold to the Colombian government, and after the expiration of nine years to then pay a rental of \$250,000 per year. The lease of the strip of land to be used for the canal and for canal purposes is practically made perpetual, the provision on this point being that the first lease shall be for 100 years, and renewable thereafter in terms of one hundred years, at the pleasure of the United States. The strip is to be ten kilometers or about six miles in width, and over this territory the United States is given police and sanitary jurisdiction, although it is explicitly stated that Colombia does not relinquish sovereignty over it. The United States is to have the privilege of free importation of vessels and materials to be used in the construction of the canal. It also is given the right to improve, use and protect harbors at both the Atlantic and Pacific ends of the canal. The grant is made exclusive to the United States, and no taxes or rentals are to be charged in addition to the gross sums of ten million dollars cash and a quarter of a million dollars annually.

Great Boer Colony.

Reliably Reported that It Will Be Established in Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 23.—Dr. W. F. Reitz, former secretary of the Transvaal; General Samuel Pearson, who took an active part in the fight against British rule in South Africa via New Orleans, and several other prominent Boers, were in New Orleans to-day. The Southern Pacific has placed a special train at the disposal of Dr. Reitz and the Boer party to take them to the United States on a journey which will take them through the rice and cattle country of Texas and Louisiana and the ranges of the West as far as California. It is reported that Great Boer colony will be established in Louisiana or Texas.

WAKM WIRELETS.

There were five deaths from the plague at Matatlan, Mexico, yesterday. The number of cases in the hospital is forty-four. The refugees in sheds number 240. Business continues wholly demoralized.

A battery of the Tenth artillery, which has been stationed at Fort Getty, Sullivan's island, for the past five years, left for San Francisco yesterday, where they will embark for the Philippine Islands.

Four of the largest cigar factories in Havana have inaugurated an independent movement, by the signing of sworn statements to refrain from selling their brands or plants to the tobacco trust. Other factories are expected to do likewise.

One of the heaviest importers of dry goods in Havana predicts that the year after the ratification of the Cuban-American reciprocity treaty, 75 per cent. of the Cuban dry goods trade will be in the hands of the United States.

First Lieutenant H. Clay Evans, Jr., whose trial by court martial on the charge of neglect of duty was begun at Fort Monroe last Wednesday, was honorably acquitted. The alleged offense was the repeated absence of Lieutenant Evans from certain classes.

As the result of a rear end collision between a freight train on the Little Rock Central, forty miles above New Orleans yesterday, firemen Robert Landry was instantly killed and Conductor Thomas Moore and Fireman C. E. Kiley severely injured.

The Illinois Central "New Orleans Special" from Memphis for New Orleans, was derailed and wrecked by an open switch. The engineer and fireman were fatally injured and three other members of the train crew were seriously hurt.

Timothy Harrington, M. P., was yesterday re-elected Lord Mayor of Dublin for the third successive time. The keenest interest was taken in the contest. How King Edward should be re-elected by the citizens of Dublin in the event of a royal visit to the city, was one of the issues of the campaign. Mr. Harrington opposed a reception of the king.

No Man Can Die.

Of any form of Fever who uses Johnson's Chilli and Fever Tonic even half a year right. It is 100 times better than quinine, and does in a day what quinine cannot do in ten days. Johnson's Tonic will drive out every trace of malarial fever and is the only reliable remedy for the fever of the tropics. Write to J. A. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga.

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STATE LIBRARY SOCIETY.

Officers Elected Last Night at Raleigh for ensuing Year.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23.—The State Library and Historical Society to-night elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. L. Poteat, Wake Forest College; First Vice President, Rt. Rev. Joseph Chesire, Raleigh; Second Vice President, Miss Martha F. Townsend, of Mt. Airy; Third Vice President, Dr. Theo. Kingsbury, of Wilmington.

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Book your orders.

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Baugh's Pure Animal Bone Goods.

Acid Phosphate,

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We are now receiving the Celebrated

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in one pound blocks.

This, we believe to be the finest Butter for sale in Wilmington.

Those desiring something really nice will please give us a call and examine.

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